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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the full paragraph on page 3, lines 17-21, with the following amended paragraph:

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--The objective of the present invention is to provide a remote maintenance system which informs the personnel in charge that maintenance has been carried out surely and properly and enables the personnel in charge to definitely judge whether the apparatus is really in a usable condition.--

Replace the paragraph starting at page 11, line 24 to page 12, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

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